



Early Years Newsletter: January

Nursery with Mrs Bendall and Mrs Beer

As we enter the Spring Term, it is lovely to see the children growing in confidence, becoming more independent and joining in play in groups. Our Café, in particular, has inspired a lot of role-play, talk and exciting food combinations! We have enjoyed many physical activities recently, including trampolining (counting jumps!), using our wonderful climbing frame and being chased by sharks. The climbing frame has also been used to support a complex collection of pipes for cars to travel down, prompting lots of language around measuring distance and speed and thinking about how the angle of the pipe affects the speed of the car!

Many of the children are very interested in mark-making, the pre-cursor to writing. We have made menus and signs for our café, lists of children using the trampoline to support turn-taking and some children have enjoyed making their own books.

*Due to a combination of the cold weather and staffing, there will be no Forest School for Nursery until at least after Easter. We are hoping to introduce a range of other exciting activities in the next few weeks, so watch this space!



Proud Clouds: If your child has done something fantastic at home, or mastered a particular skill, please let us know and we will award them with a Proud Cloud to celebrate!

Reception with Mrs McGinty



Happy 2020!

What a lovely term the children have had, their friendships continue to flourish and grow as well as their teamwork skills.

During the course of the Autumn term, the children have learnt all about Pirates and how to hunt for hidden treasure. They found lots!!

They have learnt about how to stay safe during fireworks displays, as well as other festivals that use fireworks to celebrate, including Diwali (the festival of light) and Christmas.

We also took a journey all the way to Israel! We learnt about the Jewish religion and Moses and how and why they celebrate the festival of Hanukkah.

We discussed and introduced our new value of 'Peace', thinking about how we show Peace and what it means, linked to Remembrance Day. After listening to the 'Peace at Last' and other lovely stories and videos linked to Peace, the children with their talking partners, thought about who they could show peace to their friends and family. Their ideas and thoughts are displayed on our 'Reflection Board'.



Along with all of these lovely experiences the children learnt about and rehearsed the Nativity story and what a fantastic job the children did in their Nativity performance of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'! All the children worked so hard practising for their performances and that was evident in the show. Well done Reception Class, you're all Superstars! We are so proud!

The topics that the children will be learning about over the next term are 'Chinese New Year', 'Anti Bullying week' and 'John the Baptist'. We all look forward to more exciting learning to come.



Reminder: Forest School will be on **Thursday** afternoon from now on.

Dates for your diary

Week of 27th of February- Whole School Anti-Bullying Week

4th and 6th of February- Parents' Evenings for all children, including Reception and Nursery, using e-schools online booking system. Please ask at the office if you need a username and password.

Friday 14th of February- Whole class photos. Nursery children can be brought in for the photo, if they do not usually attend on Fridays.

Week of 17th of February- HALF TERM

Wednesday 26th of February at 2:30pm- Phonics Meeting for all parents.

Friday 22nd of May- INSET DAY (School closed to children)

Thank you so much for your continued support,

The Early Years Team

(Mrs Bendall, Mrs Beer, Mrs McGinty, Mrs May, Miss Wright, Miss Krzeminski)